

CITY OF RUSHVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street. President Tracey Phillips called the meeting to order. Members present were Denny Corn, Charlie Brown and Tim Shuppert. Jack Harmon and Wilma Jo Kile were absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Mayor Bob Bridges, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.

Minutes: Minutes of January 13th, 2004 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve January 13th minutes. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reports: Mathews put an ad in the paper to accept applications for summer employment for pool and parks laborers.

Reminded everyone of the Valentines Dance this Friday, February 13th at BRMS from 6-8 pm and asked for chaperones. He has received several donations of soft drinks and cookies.

Mathews informed everyone that he has been working hard to widen the fitness trail to 8 foot in South Veterans Memorial Park. Last year he was fortunate to roll over some money.

Has talked to Trudy Jones of the Rush Shelby Energy and has been informed we have received \$2,000 in grant monies towards the widening of the fitness trail.

Has also applied through the Community Foundation for a grant. He said he would really like to see this fitness trail widened. Start with South Veterans. Bring in the Handicap trail off of Jackson Street as high as the street sets in order to go around gazebo. That is included in on that. Really looks good. Going to happen. Was thrilled to get the call.

EMC bought new pick-up trucks and they have donated a 1992 GMC Half-Ton Pick-Up Truck to the Parks Department. Is really in good shape. Needs a paint job. Mathews stated he was very appreciative. He would like to find someone to paint the truck as the paint is peeled. The body is great but needs a paint job.

Mathews stated he was thinking about taking it to MACO in Indianapolis one day this week to get an estimate to get a nice coat of paint on it.

Shuppert suggested talking to somebody at the school to get it done. Mathews stated he will do that also.

Mathews then stated he has talked to Donald Coon who is a heavy equipment operator about taking a walk along the new park behind Millers Family Restaurant.

He would like to put a nature trail there and wondered if any board members would like to take a walk with them, when the weather get warmer, and blaze a trail. He feels this will be an inexpensive project. Mathews said he realizes this is a flood zone. He feels we should pursue this project and once the weather warms up he will get a hold of everyone. Coon will give us an estimate to do this project.

Mathews then handed out his 4 Year Long Range Plan which consisted of the following items:

- 1) Widen walk path from 5 foot to 8 foot in North and South Memorial Park.
- 2) Add or replace park equipment in all parks.
- 3) Add more open shelters throughout all parks.
- 4) Work on putting a fitness trail in new park, South side of City.
- 5) Build large open shelter in new park. Also restroom facilities and parking area.
- 6) Continue to hold programs in park and try new programs to bring citizens into parks.
- 7) Work to improve park office and equipment.
- 8) Build an outdoor Amphitheater in new park.
- 9) Make a nature walk in new park.

Newhouse told Mathews the trails were good during all the snow. They were great.

Mathews stated in the new park we should just start out with a trail and a few park benches. It will be built to withstand the flood.

Bridges stated as long as we didn't restrict the flow or destroy the levee we were okay.

Several would like to see an Amphitheater there.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Brown and Shuppert. Shuppert moved to approve the claims for the month. Brown seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month of February.

Unfinished Business: Decision on Pool – The board reviewed the emailed questions proposed to Blaine from Siemen's by the board and gave his answers. Brown asked if there was another place to store the chlorine in the wintertime.

Bridges suggested speaking to Mark Thompson of EMC and see if we can store it there.
Mathews felt that was an excellent solution. He will get a hold of them.
Mathews then stated we still need to build a wall for the summer months.

Mathews shared with the board two quotes:

- 1) D.O. Corn & Son Inc. 341 E. 5th Street – Quote included labor and material
Build L shape concrete block wall 8”
Install 42” steel door unit
Install weather strips and door knob
Install air intake into present door
Install exhaust fan to remove air to the outside
(This is for a continuous running fan)
Total: \$3,600
Insurance to be furnished
- 2) James Flannery Construction - 205 North Ivy
Labor and material to construct 8” concrete wall
Install steel door
Install air intake into building approximately 16”x16”
Install continuous exhaust fan
Total: \$3,790
Insurance at Schroeder’s
Workman Comp and Liability
- Due to a lack of a quorum, since Corn could not vote, this was tabled until the next meeting.

Brown stated he would really like to do something with playground equipment this year.
Mathews stated he feels the same.

Bridges stated we received the first \$500 check from the school today for the softball diamond maintenance.

Mathews stated he will check with EMC to put water in the concession stand at the youth football field in Community Park.
He stated he will let everyone know as to what will be the best solution.

New Business: None at this time.

Items not known in advance: Possible Estimate on Pool Repairs – Sharpe reported she had received an email from Gary Pohl from Butler, Fairman and he does not have the estimate for the repair of the pool at this time.
Sharpe will try to get that for the next meeting.

There being no further business, Brown moved to adjourn. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY